

**MINUTES OF THE DAVIDSON COUNTY ELECTION COMMISSION**  
**January 14, 2010**

The Davidson County Election Commission (DCEC) met at 3:00 p.m. on January 14, 2010 in the Metro Office Building. Commissioners Lynn Greer, Eddie Bryan, A.J. Starling, Patricia Heim, and Steve Abernathy were present. Also, present Ray Barrett (AOE) and Pat Novotny.

Chairman Lynn Greer convened the meeting.

**Approval of November 16, 2009 Minutes** - Chairman Greer asked if any changes were needed to November 16th minutes. Motion to approve by Commissioner Starling, seconded by Commissioner Heim, motion carried unanimously.

**Call Republican County Primary Election for May 4, 2010 (Juvenile Court Clerk only)** - Chairman Greer stated they have a letter and petition from the Davidson County Republican Party requesting they hold an election for Juvenile Court Clerk only, it was submitted on time. Commissioner Heim made motion to call Republican Primary for Juvenile Court Clerk on May 4th, seconded by Commissioner Abernathy, motion carried unanimously.

**Call City of Forrest Hills Election (November 2, 2010)** - Chairman Greer stated they have letter from City of Forrest Hills requesting we hold an election for them in November 2010, they will have two positions open for the city election commissioners. Commissioner Heim made motion to call Forrest Hills' city election for purpose of electing two commissioners to be held on November 2, 2010, seconded by Commissioner Bryan, motion carried unanimously.

**Approve Poll workers for City of Berry Hill Election** - Chairman Greer stated we need to approve poll official workers for Berry Hill election March 16th. Commissioner Heim made motion to approve workers as presented, seconded by Commissioner Starling, motion carried unanimously.

**Approve early voting dates and times for Berry Hill Election** - AOE Barrett recommended March 8-11 for early vote between 8:00 and 4:30 at the Metro Office building. Commissioner Heim made motion to approve early vote schedule per recommendation of administrator, seconded by Commissioner Bryan, motion carried unanimously.

**Lock Berry Hill ballot boxes for Early Voting & Election Day** - Chairman Greer reminded Commissioners Abernathy and Starling to make sure boxes are locked.

**Approve rule for electronic devices in our polling sites** - Chairman Greer stated included in packet is the rule for electronic devices, in last meeting they talked about cell phones, laptops, etc. Commissioner Bryan commented it puts a burden on the poll workers to watch this, Commissioner Heim stated it is posted and most people will

abide. After a lengthy discussion it was decided to change 1st paragraph by adding after the word used "by election commission employees or poll officials, so the sentence will read "such equipment maybe used by election commission employees or poll officials when deemed necessary to conduct the election. Also, in the 2nd paragraph strike only the word "poll workers", so the 2nd paragraph reads no poll watcher or voter is permitted to use any type of electronic equipment device within the polling place. \_

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Chairman Greer suggested this be typed and brought back to next meeting, and go ahead with the way it is for the upcoming election, because we will not meet again until after March election.

**Approve polling location changes** - Chairman Greer asked AOE Barrett to explain location changes. AOE Barrett stated each election we have places that are remodeling, or they plain kick us out. The location changes were: 1. Tune House - closed out, suggested moving to Crieviewood Baptist Church, they have a nice gym and they want us to come there; 2. McCabe Park Community Center, we moved out of it to the Golf course because of remodeling, would like to stay there through 2010 election; 3. Nashville Big Picture they are remodeling and we are going down to Pearl-Cohn, Commissioner Starling thought that was a long way and the 18th Avenue Enrichment Center would be better; 4. Community Christ Church on Bell Road has always been a problem and recommend moving to Elm Hill Pike; and 5. Hillhurst Baptist Church name change to Olivet. Chairman Greer stated he would like to entertain a motion to approve all except the Big Picture to Pearl-Cohn, moved by Commissioner Abernathy, seconded by Commissioner Starling, motion carried unanimously.

**2009 - 2010 Budget Update** - Chairman Greer asked Pat Novotny to give budget update. Pat reported they took quite a cut last year, as most did, but were managing well. She reported year-to-date total expenses as of November 30th were about 31% of total budget, that may seem like a low total that's because the May election will be a big chunk of the budget. Commissioner Abernathy asked if there was a 12 month break-out of what you expect to spend each month. Pat stated she did not, she does a monthly anyway, that is required by the Finance Department and those reports are on the internet if someone wants to see them. Chairman Greer asked if she could email each member one, Pat answered yes. Pat stated she has done a projection for end of year, that was requested by council a few weeks ago, overall she projected a surplus of the 2,547,000 for a total of 142,000 and that is broken down on the handout, total of 692,900.00 for election sites (for all elections), remainder is for permanent registration office day to day operating expenses 1,864,200.00. Commissioner Heim asked if there could be a budget year to date column, Pat answered she could that her software was flexible. Chairman Greer stated that they did not have to approve anything on the budget, it was simply for your information and to ask questions.

**Administrator's Report** - AOE Barrett reported on the certificate that was included in packet, stating he would like to give Mama Tune a plaque with everyone's signature, that it had been over 29 years that they have let them use their house and have fed all the politicians in town. Chairman Greer suggested inviting her to the next commission meeting, if she is able. AOE Barrett mentioned the 2010 - 2011 budget that he would like to know how many early voting sites they would like them to put in budget. Chairman Greer suggested going back to 11 total which is the number they had for the past 2 or 3 election cycles. Commissioner Heim stated she could not see having over 6 satellites for August. Commissioner Bryan brought up the need to pay poll workers more. Commissioner Heim suggested asking for 175.00 a day for officers and 125.00 for other positions in precinct, stating she would be willing to give up some sites to give workers more. After further discussion, Commissioner Bryan made motion to ask for 11 & 11 and salary increase, seconded by Commissioner Starling, motion carried unanimously.

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AOE Barrett next spoke about sample ballots, and asked if they wanted them to figure in budget to mail a sample ballot to every household, or if they wanted to run 2 big ads in paper. Chairman Greer asked for all in favor of doing mailing out ballots for both elections this fall - everyone voted yes.

**Any old/new business** - Commissioner Abernathy asked AOE Barrett if at the next meeting he could provide an update on current number of officers we had, and how many were republicans and how many were democrats, and how many poll workers we had and how many of them are republicans and how many were democrats, and what it was at the last major election we had, so we can see what progress we have made. Commissioner Heim stated she would like to know what our office has done to notify all those people who had Form 76 (overseas voters) in the November elect - to let them know they have to re-apply for this next election cycle. AOE Barrett stated they were going to send something out after the wording was complete. Commissioner Heim asked if it could be emailed to them. AOE Barrett stated yes, if they can get their emails that would be great. Commissioner Heim stated she would like for the technology person to update website, because if form 76 has been change it needs to reflect on the website. Commissioner Abernathy stated he would like to know what happens at the election commission to prevent and update our voting records to keep someone who has been arrested and convicted of a felony from having an opportunity to vote - what is the process - he would like to see it in writing, and how often it is updated and what the time frames where. AOE Barrett stated it comes from the Davidson County Criminal Court Clerk once a month. Commission Abernathy asked if we could receive it more frequent as we get closer to an election. AOE Barrett stated we can ask. Commissioner Abernathy stated when we have an election coming up we need to do more proactive work to make sure that people who have been convicted of a felony do not vote, until they have their voter rights re-instated the proper way.

Chairman Greer stated we have an election on March 16th, we have to come back and certify election sometime between 16th and 26th - it was agreed to have next commission meeting on Thursday, March 18th at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned.

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Lynn Greer, Chairman

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Patricia Heim, Member

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A. J. Starling, Member

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